

I Mike Oswald respectfully request that the FCC reject the NAB's petition 04-160. In Houston we do not have a full time radio outlet that offers traffic and weather on a 24/7 basis.

Clear Channel who owns "NewsRadio 740" offers traffic and weather during news blocks in the morning, midday and afternoon. The afternoon news block is often abbreviated by sports coverage of the Houston Astro's baseball games. Clear Channel no longer has any news coverage on the weekends on 740 KTRH, Houston's only source for new, weather and traffic.

The rest of the day and night there is not any source for news, weather and traffic in Houston.

XM Radio is the only source for fulltime traffic and weather. If XM Radio is deprived the right to offer this service, many people in Houston that subscribe to XM Radio are left without any source for traffic and weather. Both of these services provided by XM Radio are a valuable service to the citizens of Houston that subscribe to XM Radio and the many that plan to subscribe XM Radio.

If Houston had a fulltime terrestrial station that offered these services it would be great, but unfortunately the fourth largest city in the country has no such radio outlet. Clear Channel has seen fit to deprive Houston of news, weather and traffic by decreasing the time they devote to such and fill in the time with syndicated talk shows on KTRH 740.

I plan on subscribing to XM radio for for two reasons, the number one and most important is actually because they do offer 24/7 traffic and weather, which is vital to a city like Houston. The second reason is the diversity of programming that is not found on the radio dial in Houston.

Please allow XM Radio to continue to offer this vital service to the citizens of Houston that have or will have XM Radio, as no other source for such information exists in Houston.

It would be unfair to deprive XM Radio the right to carry traffic and weather because the NAB is fearful that it will harm terrestrial radio, which at this point is unwilling to carry this information in Houston.

Respectfully,
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